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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)
1673 CON RE (203-2058CON RE)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,911,353, granted June 15, 1999, and for which a

reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled DISPOSABLE LOADING UNIT FOR SURGICAL STAPLER

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on June 15, 2001 as reissue application number 09 / 882,131
and was amended on June 15, 2001.

(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

In each of the claims of Patent No. 5,911,353, the abutment surface defined in the distal end of the staple cartridge was expressly recited. This recitation unduly narrowed the scope of the claims.

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